IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Hayes et al.

For : Method and Apparatus for Welding With A

Trigger Hold

Attorney Docket No. : ITW 8680.62

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the issuance of the first Office Action please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Specifications begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.